

## FOURTEENTH DAY.

(Thursday, March 14, 1918.)

The House met at 9:30 o'clock a. m.  
pursuant to adjournment.

(Speaker Fuller in the chair.)

The roll was called and the following  
members were present:

Atlee.	McComb.
Bass.	McCord.
Beard.	McCoy.
Beasley.	McDowra.
Beason.	McFarland.
Bedell.	McMillin.
Bell.	Meador.
Bennette.	Mendell.
Bertram.	Metcalfe.
Blackburn.	Miller of Austin.
Blackmon.	Miller of Dallas.
Bland.	Monday.
Bledsoe.	Moore.
Brown.	Morris.
Bryan.	Murphy.
Burton of Rusk.	Murrell.
Butler.	Neill.
Cadenhead.	Nordhaus.
Canales.	O'Banion.
Carlock.	O'Brien.
Clark.	Osborne.
Cope.	Parks.
Cox of Ellis.	Peyton.
Crudgington.	Poage.
Davis of Dallas.	Raiden.
Davis of Grimes.	Reeves.
Davis of Harris.	Richards.
Davis	Robertson.
of Van Zandt.	Roemer.
De Bogory.	Rogers.
Denton.	Sackett.
Dodd.	Sallas.
Dudley.	Sentell.
Estes.	Schlesinger.
Fairchild.	Schlosshan.
Fly.	Seawright.
Ford.	Smith of Bastrop.
Greenwood.	Smith of Hopkins.
Haidusek.	Smith of Scurry.
Hardey.	Spencer.
Harris.	Spradley.
Henderson.	Sneed.
Hill.	Stephens.
Holaday.	Stewart.
Holland.	Swope.
Hudspeth.	Taylor.
Johnson of Blanco.	Templeton.
Johnson of Ellis.	Terrell.
Jones.	Thomas.
Laas.	Thomason
Lacey.	of El Paso.
Lackey.	Thomason
Laney.	of Nacogdoches.
Lange.	Thompson
Lanier.	of Hunt.
Lee.	Thompson
Lindemann.	of Red River.

Tillotson.	White.
Tilson.	Williams
Tinner.	of Brazoria.
Traylor.	Williams
Upchurch.	of McLennan.
Vaughan.	Williford.
Veatch.	Wilson.
Wahrmund.	Woods.
Walker.	Yantis.

Absent.

Bagby.	Pope.
Cates.	Sholars.
Dunnam.	Strayhorn.
Mathis.	Valentine.

Absent—Excused.

Baker.	King.
Burton of Tarrant.	Lowe.
Cox of Bee.	Pillow.

A quorum was announced present.

Prayer was then offered by Rev. J. C.  
Mitchell, Chaplain.

## LEAVE OF ABSENCE GRANTED.

The following member was granted  
leave of absence on account of impor-  
tant business:

Mr. Cox of Bee for today, on motion  
of Mr. Laas.

## BILLS ORDERED NOT PRINTED.

On motion of Mr. Bedell, it was or-  
dered that House bill No. 121 be not  
printed.

On motion of Mr. Laas, it was or-  
dered that House bill No. 108 be not  
printed.

On motion of Mr. Stewart, it was or-  
dered that House bill No. 119 be not  
printed.

## BILL RECALLED FROM SENATE.

On motion of Mr. Bledsoe, House bill  
No. 38, a local bill, was recalled from  
the Senate for correction.

COMMUNICATION FROM PRESIDENT  
WILSON.

The Speaker handed to the Clerk and  
had read the following communication  
from President Wilson, which, on mo-  
tion of Mr. Sackett, was ordered print-  
ed in the Journal:

Washington, March 8, 1918.

Mrs. Elizabeth Potter, Vice President  
Texas Equal Suffrage Association,  
1626 Rhode Island Avenue, Washing-  
ton.

My Dear Mrs. Potter: Through the  
courtesy of Senator Sheppard I have re-

ceived your letter of March 7th. I feel it a privilege to express my earnest hope that the Legislature of Texas may see its way to adopt a statute which will give women the right to vote in the primaries.

The Democratic party is so clearly committed to the principle of woman's suffrage that I feel it my duty as the leader of the party to urge this action by the Legislature. And it is also a privilege which I value, to yield to my own personal convictions in this matter and urge such action on its merits. I sincerely hope that the measure may become law.

Cordially and sincerely yours,  
(Signed) WOODROW WILSON.

#### SENATE BILL NO. 24 ON THIRD READING.

The Speaker laid before the House, on its third reading and final passage,

S. B. No. 24, A bill to be entitled "An Act to amend Article 637d of Section 2, Chapter 203, General Laws of the Regular Session of the Thirty-fifth Legislature, prohibiting overlapping road districts and requiring the commissioners courts in case one road district conflicts with, or overlaps another district, to pass an order correctly redefining it, and validating all overlapping road districts, except the part thereof which overlaps or embraces any portion of a contiguous road district or road districts, and ratifying all regular and proper proceedings had with reference to bonds issued therein, and declaring an emergency."

The bill was read third time.

The Clerk was directed to call the roll, and the bill was passed by the following vote:

Yeas—108.

Mr. Speaker.	Cadenhead.
Atlee.	Canales.
Bass.	Carlock.
Beard.	Clark.
Beasley.	Cope.
Beason.	Crudgington.
Bedell.	Davis of Dallas.
Bell.	Davis of Grimes.
Bennette.	Davis of Harris.
Bertram.	Davis
Blackburn.	of Van Zandt.
Blackmon.	De Bogory.
Bland.	Denton.
Bledsoe.	Dodd.
Bryan.	Dudley.
Burton of Rusk.	Estes.
Butler.	Fly.

Ford.	Roemer.
Haidusek.	Rogers.
Harris.	Sackett.
Henderson.	Sallas.
Hill.	Sentell.
Holaday.	Schlosshan.
Holland.	Seawright.
Hudspeth.	Smith of Bastrop.
Johnson of Blanco.	Smith of Hopkins.
Jones.	Spencer.
Laas.	Spradley.
Lacey.	Sneed.
Lackey.	Stephens.
Laney.	Stewart.
Lange.	Swope.
Lanier.	Taylor.
Lee.	Templeton.
Lindemann.	Terrell.
McComb.	Thomas.
McCord.	Thomason
McCoy.	of El Paso.
McDowra.	Thompson
McFarland.	of Hunt.
McMillin.	Tillotson.
Meador.	Tilson.
Mendell.	Tinner.
Metcalfe.	Traylor.
Miller of Austin.	Upchurch.
Miller of Dallas.	Vaughan.
Murrell.	Veatch.
Neill.	Wahrmund.
Nordhaus.	Walker.
O'Brien.	White.
Osborne.	Williams
Parks.	of Brazoria.
Peyton.	Williford.
Poage.	Wilson.
Raiden.	Woods.
Reeves.	Yantis.
Richards.	

Nays—1.

Johnson of Ellis.

Absent.

Bagby.	O'Banion.
Brown.	Pope.
Cates.	Robertson.
Cox of Ellis.	Schlesinger.
Dunnam.	Sholars.
Fairchild.	Strayhorn.
Greenwood.	Thomason
Hardey.	of Nacogdoches.
Mathis.	Thompson
Monday.	of Red River.
Moore.	Valentine.
Morris.	Williams
Murphy.	of McLennan.

Absent—Excused.

Baker.	Lowe.
Burton of Tarrant.	Pillow.
Cox of Bee.	Smith of Scurry.
King.	

## MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE.

Senate Chamber,  
Austin, Texas, March 13, 1918.  
Hon. F. O. Fuller, Speaker of the House  
of Representatives.

Sir: I am directed by the Senate  
to inform the House that the Senate  
has passed

S. B. No. 22, A bill to be entitled  
"An Act to provide for the creation  
of conservation and reclamation dis-  
tricts within this State under and by  
virtue of the provisions of Section 59  
of Article 15 of the State Constitution,  
to be known as Levee Improvement Dis-  
tricts, and declaring an emergency."

H. B. No. 41, A bill to be entitled  
"An Act to provide for the teaching of  
lessons in patriotism in the public  
schools of this State, for the proper  
display of the United States flag in  
connection with every public school of  
the State, and directing the State super-  
intendent, county and city superintend-  
ents in the discharge of their duty rela-  
tive thereto."

H. B. No. 48, A bill to be entitled  
"An Act to authorize the commissioners  
courts of the various counties of this  
State to pay for the services of inter-  
preters employed by the various courts in  
this State, and providing for the collec-  
tion in civil suits of the sum of three  
dollars (\$3) as cost of every interpreter  
in every civil suit where an interpreter  
is used, and declaring an emergency."

Respectfully,

J. B. BENNETT,

Assistant Secretary of the Senate.

HOUSE BILL NO. 121 ON SECOND  
READING.

The Speaker laid before the House, on  
its second reading and passage to en-  
grossment,

H. B. No. 121, A bill to be entitled  
"An Act to amend Sections 12 and 16  
of the Special Road Law for Smith coun-  
ty, Texas, etc., and declaring an emer-  
gency."

The bill was read second time and  
was passed to engrossment.

HOUSE BILL NO. 118 ON THIRD  
READING.

The Speaker laid before the House, on  
its third reading and final passage,

H. B. No. 118, A bill to be entitled  
"An Act creating the Mauriceville Inde-  
pendent School District in Orange county,  
Texas, etc."

The bill was read third time and was  
passed.

## MESSAGES FROM THE GOVERNOR.

Mr. S. Raymond Brooks, secretary to  
the Governor, appeared at the bar of  
the House and, being duly announced,  
presented the following messages from  
the Governor which were read to the  
House:

Governor's Office,  
Austin, Texas, March 14, 1918.

To the Thirty-fifth Legislature in Fourth  
Called Session.

Gentlemen: I beg to submit for your  
consideration legislation creating An Act  
to validate sales of school land on con-  
dition of settlement in cases where pur-  
chasers have been or may be drafted into  
the service of the Federal government  
before they had time to settle on the  
land and in cases where they did comply  
with the law relative to settlement but  
have been or may hereafter be forced  
to leave the land to make a support  
for themselves or for their families, or  
have been or may be drafted into the  
service of the Federal government before  
completing the required residence.

Respectfully submitted,

W. P. HOBBY,  
Governor of Texas.

Governor's Office,  
Austin, Texas, March 14, 1918.

To the Thirty-fifth Legislature in Fourth  
Called Session.

Gentlemen: I beg to submit for your  
consideration legislation providing that  
forfeiture by the Commissioner of the  
General Land Office of public free school  
land for the failure to pay the interest  
due on purchases for the years 1916, 1917  
and 1918 be held in abeyance until Aug-  
ust, 1919.

Respectfully submitted,

W. P. HOBBY,  
Governor of Texas.

Governor's Office,  
Austin, Texas, March 13, 1918.

To the Thirty-fifth Legislature in Fourth  
Called Session.

Gentlemen: I beg to submit for your  
consideration the subject of making an  
appropriation of funds in the Treasury  
to be used for the purpose of reimburs-  
ing the owner or owners for the value of  
any cotton or cotton products infested  
with the pink boll worm and which may  
be destroyed by the Commissioner of  
Agriculture of this State under author-  
ity of law and to reimburse any cotton  
grower or growers who may reside with-  
in any zone or zones promulgated under

the authority of the Governor forbidding the planting or growing of cotton during a specified period of time from any loss sustained by such parties in being refused permission to plant and grow cotton for a period of years; giving rules estimating the measure of damages; authorizing the Governor to appoint three reputable citizens of the State who reside outside of said cotton zones to assess the damages; providing for the manner of hearing and assessing damages and establishing the procedure of ascertaining such damages, giving any dissatisfied applicant for damages the right of appeal; providing for the payment of court costs in certain instances and making appropriation for the expenses of the board in carrying into effect the provisions of the said law.

Respectfully submitted,

W. P. HOBBY,  
Governor of Texas.

Governor's Office,

Austin, Texas, March 13, 1918.

To the Thirty-fifth Legislature in Fourth Called Session.

Gentlemen: At the request of Hon. A. C. Buchanan, I beg to submit for your consideration An Act to amend an Act to reorganize the Twenty-seventh and Thirty-fifth Judicial Districts of the State of Texas.

Respectfully submitted,

W. P. HOBBY,  
Governor of Texas.

Governor's Office,

Austin, Texas, March 13, 1918.

To the Thirty-fifth Legislature in Fourth Called Session.

Gentlemen: I submit for your consideration the following subjects:

An Act to Amend Chapter 6, Title 15, of the Penal Code of 1911, by adding thereto Article 1055a, making it a penal offense for any person to cause, encourage or contribute to the delinquency of any minor under the age of seventeen years.

An Act to amend Article 1063, Title 15, Chapter 8, Revised Penal Code of the State of Texas of 1911, defining rape.

An Act to amend Section 1 of Senate bill No. 5, Chapter 7, of the General Laws of Texas, as passed by the Thirty-third Legislature at its Regular Session and approved on February 11, 1913, as the same appears on page 8 of the General Laws of the Thirty-third Legislature at its Regular Session, the same be-

ing commonly called the "Suspended Sentence Law."

An Act to amend Senate bill No. 99, Chapter 101, of the General Laws of Texas, as passed by the Thirty-third Legislature at its Regular Session and approved April 2, 1913, as the same appears on pages 188 and 189 of the General Laws of the Thirty-third Legislature at its Regular Session, the same being commonly called the "Wife Desertion Law."

Respectfully submitted,

W. P. HOBBY,  
Governor of Texas.

Governor's Office,

Austin, Texas, March 13, 1918.

To the Thirty-fifth Legislature in Fourth Called Session.

Gentlemen: I beg to submit for your consideration the following subject: "An Act giving to the owner of any real estate or interest therein sold under execution, order of sale, deed of trust, mortgage or other contract lien the right to redeem the same at any time within one year from the date of sale, by paying to the purchaser the amount of the purchase money paid, together with the interest thereon."

Respectfully submitted,

W. P. HOBBY,  
Governor of Texas.

Governor's Office,

Austin, Texas, March 14, 1918.

To the Thirty-fifth Legislature in Fourth Called Session.

Gentlemen: I submit for your consideration the subject of providing an increased appropriation for the State Epileptic Colony for the current biennium. In connection with this subject, I am transmitting copies of letters written by the Board of Managers of the institution to the Governor and to Mr. Geo. Leavy, State Purchasing Agent.

Respectfully submitted,

W. P. HOBBY,  
Governor of Texas.

State Epileptic Colony,

Abilene, Texas, March 9, 1918.

Hon. Wm. P. Hobby, Governor, Austin, Texas.

Dear Sir: We are in receipt of a telegram from the State Purchasing Agent saying that you will grant some deficiencies, and suggesting that we ask for the sum of \$1000 to cover all necessities. We beg to say that the institution can-



not get through on this amount. We have been forced to make expenditures for coal and feed beyond what was anticipated, and we will, on meat alone, have to pay 17½ cents per pound as against 11.40 cents per pound, the price at which we have been buying. Flour is costing us this year \$11 per barrel as against \$5.84 per barrel last year; and many other things in proportion.

In the appropriations made for the Colony for this fiscal year there are three items, viz: One of \$2500 for fire apparatus and fire escapes; one for \$750 for a silo, and one for \$4000 for rebuilding the electric line to our pumping station. These several appropriations are as yet unexpended.

The management deems it inexpedient, owing to the rapid advance in price of all electrical material, to expend the item of \$4000, and too, it is inadequate, at the present prices, to reconstruct the line.

The expenditure of the appropriation of \$2500 for fire escapes and fire apparatus can be deferred until the finances of the State are in a more satisfactory and less stringent condition, as the institution has adopted extraordinary precautions against fire; and the appropriations for a silo can also be postponed.

Now, if the Legislature can, by the proper enactment, transfer these three items, above enumerated, to the appropriations for support and maintenance and dry goods, it would greatly relieve our embarrassment, and would not actually make any further encroachment on the State Treasury—no further actual outlay.

You will recall, that upon the recommendation of yourself and our representative, and the opinion of the Attorney General, a complete set of dental instruments was returned to Dr. W. T. Stewart and our appropriation therefor lapsed. You suggested that you would recommend a new appropriation for dental instruments. This appropriation can also be deferred until easier and happier times.

Now, we ask that the several items above mentioned be revoked for the purposes for which they were appropriated and that they be appropriated and applied as above indicated and requested.

We also respectfully urge an increase in the salary of the baker. He is, under the 1917 appropriation receiving only \$30 per month, which in these times of high prices is grossly inadequate.

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In conclusion, we desire to ask that you kindly recommend to the Legislature the passage of proper enactment to relieve the situation with the institution, and assure you that it will continue to be the policy of the management to be as conservative with the expenditure of the public money as it is possible to be. Thanking you for past favors,

Yours very truly,  
(Signed) T. B. BASS,  
Superintendent.

State Epileptic Colony,  
Abilene, Texas, March 9, 1918.

Mr. Geo. Leavy, Austin, Texas.

Dear Sir: I am handing you herein copy of a letter I am writing to Governor Hobby relative to appropriations to meet our deficiency, which letter is self-explanatory. I would be glad to have you call upon the Governor in person and lay this matter before him, and urge upon him that he ask the Legislature for the proper action to meet the situation.

We need about \$1000 of the amount for dry goods and clothing and the remainder for support and maintenance. You are, of course, aware that we already have some dry goods bought that we are unable to pay for and are holding same until we see what can be done.

Anything that you may be able to do to assist us in this matter will be appreciated. Thanking you in advance for your kindness, I am,

Yours very truly,  
(Signed) T. B. BASS,  
Superintendent.

Governor's Office,  
Austin, Texas, March 13, 1918.

To the Thirty-fifth Legislature in Fourth Called Session.

Gentlemen: At the request of Hon. F. J. Roemer, I submit for your consideration An Act creating an Independent School District, to be known as the Powell Independent School District in Goliad county.

Respectfully submitted,  
W. P. HOBBY,  
Governor of Texas.

Governor's Office,  
Austin, Texas, March 13, 1918.

To the Thirty-fifth Legislature in Fourth Called Session.

Gentlemen: At the request of Messrs. Bass and Metcalfe, I submit for your

consideration An Act to further regulate the conducting of fish hatcheries and the propagation of fish in this State by amending Article 4000 of the Revised Civil Statutes of this State, 1911, as amended by Chapter 46 of the Acts of the Thirty-third Legislature, providing for the distribution by State Fish Hatcheries of fish to private persons, providing that the Game, Fish and Oyster Commissioner of the State of Texas, as well as the United States Commissions of Fisheries, or their duly authorized agents, may take or catch brood fish from the public fresh waters of this State, for the purpose of propagation: according to the United States Commissioner of Fisheries and his duly authorized agents the right to conduct fish hatching and fish culture and all operations connected therewith in any manner and at any time that may be by them considered necessary and proper; providing for a closed season on croppie and bass; prescribing the size of fish that may be taken; providing a penalty for a violation of this statute.

Respectfully submitted,  
W. P. HOBBY,  
Governor of Texas.

#### BILLS SIGNED BY THE SPEAKER.

The Speaker signed in the presence of the House today, after giving due notice thereof and their captions had been read severally, the following enrolled bills:

H. B. No. 30, "An Act to amend Article 7235, Chapter 6, Title 124, Revised Civil Statutes of Texas, 1911, as amended by Chapter 72, General Laws of the Thirty-third Legislature, and Chapters 26 and 99, General Laws of the Thirty-fourth Legislature, and Chapter 131, General Laws of the Thirty-fifth Legislature, with reference to the mode of preventing horses and certain other animals from running at large in the counties named so as to include Armstrong county, and declaring an emergency."

H. B. No. 41, "An Act to provide for the teaching of lessons in patriotism in the public schools of this State, for the proper display of the United States flag in connection with every public school of the State, and directing the State superintendent, county and city superintendents in the discharge of their duty relative thereto, and declaring an emergency."

H. B. No. 48, "An Act to authorize the

commissioners courts of the various counties of this State to pay for the services of interpreters employed by the various courts in this State, and providing for the collection in civil suits of the sum of three (\$3) dollars as cost of interpreter in every civil suit where an interpreter is used, and declaring an emergency."

S. B. No. 17, "An Act to amend Article 1361, Chapter 2, of the Revised Civil Statutes of Texas of 1911, so as to permit the organization or reorganization of unorganized or disorganized counties upon a petition expressing such desire, signed by not less than seventy-five qualified voters, residing in such unorganized or disorganized county, and declaring an emergency."

S. B. No. 24, "An Act to amend Article 637d of Section 2, Chapter 203, General Laws of the Regular Session of the Thirty-fifth Legislature, prohibiting overlapping road districts and requiring the commissioners courts in case one road district conflicts with, or overlaps another district, to pass an order correctly redefining it, and validating all overlapping road districts, except the part thereof which overlaps or embraces any portion of a contiguous road district or road districts, and ratifying all regular and proper proceedings had with reference to bonds issued therein, and declaring an emergency."

#### HOUSE BILL NO. 56 ON THIRD READING.

The Speaker laid before the House, on its third reading and final passage,

H. B. No. 56, A bill to be entitled "An Act to establish and create a criminal district court for Bowie county; to provide for the jurisdiction of and procedure in said court; to fix the time for holding the term of said court; to provide for the appointment, election, qualification, duties, powers and compensation of a judge of said court; depriving and divesting the district court of Bowie county of jurisdiction of all criminal cases; providing from and after the taking effect of this act for the transfer of all criminal cases from the district court of the Fifth Judicial District of Texas held in Bowie county, and from the county court of Bowie county to the criminal district court of Bowie county created by this act, etc., and declaring an emergency."

The bill was read third time.

Mr. McCoy moved the previous ques-

tion on final passage of the bill and the main question was ordered.

Question then recurring on final passage of the bill, yeas and nays were demanded.

The bill was passed by the following vote:

Yeas—78.

Atlee.	McFarland.
Beard.	Mendell.
Beason.	Metcalfe.
Bell.	Miller of Austin.
Bennette.	Miller of Dallas.
Blackburn.	Monday.
Bland.	Moore.
Bledsoe.	Neill.
Bryan.	Nordhaus.
Burton of Rusk.	Osborne.
Cadenhead.	Parks.
Canales.	Poage.
Carlock.	Reeves.
Cox of Ellis.	Robertson.
Crudgington.	Sallas.
Davis of Grimes.	Sentell.
Davis	Schlesinger.
of Van Zandt.	Schlosshan.
De Bogory.	Smith of Bastrop.
Dodd.	Smith of Hopkins.
Dudley.	Smith of Scurry.
Estes.	Spradley.
Fairchild.	Stephens.
Fly.	Stewart.
Ford.	Swope.
Greenwood.	Templeton.
Haidusek.	Thomas.
Harcey.	Thompson
Hill.	of Hunt.
Holaday.	Thompson
Holland.	of Red River.
Hudspeth.	Tillotson.
Johnson of Blanco.	Upchurch.
Jones.	Wahrmund.
Laas.	Walker.
Lacey.	White.
Lackey.	Williams
Laney.	of Brazoria.
Lange.	Williams
Lanier.	of McLennan.
Lindemann.	Williford.
McCoy.	Yantis.

Nays—32.

Bass.	Meador.
Beasley.	Murphy.
Bertram.	Murrell.
Butler.	O'Banion.
Cope.	Peyton.
Davis of Dallas.	Raiden.
Harris.	Richards.
Henderson.	Rogers.
Lee.	Sackett.
McComb.	Seawright.
McCord.	Sneed.
McDowra.	Taylor.
McMillin.	Terrell.

Tinner.	Veatch.
Traylor.	Wilson.
Vaughan.	Woods.

Present—Not Voting.

Mr. Speaker.	Johnson of Ellis.
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Absent.

Bagby.	Pope.
Bedell.	Roemer.
Blackmon.	Sholars.
Brown.	Spencer.
Cates.	Strayhorn.
Clark.	Thomason
Davis of Harris.	of El Paso.
Denton.	Thomason
Dunnam.	of Nacogdoches.
Mathis.	Tilson.
Morris.	Valentine.
O'Brien.	

Absent—Excused.

Baker.	King.
Burton of Tarrant.	Lowe.
Cox of Bee.	Pillow.

Mr. Dodd moved to reconsider the vote by which the bill was passed and to table the motion to reconsider.

The motion to table prevailed.

#### HOUSE BILL NO. 108 ON SECOND READING.

The Speaker laid before the House, on its second reading and passage to engrossment,

H. B. No. 108, A bill to be entitled "An Act to amend Section 9 of Chapter 17, Special Laws, passed at the First Called Session of the Thirty-third Legislature, entitled 'San Patricio County Road System—Creating,' authorizing said county or any political subdivision or defined district thereof to issue bonds not exceeding forty years from the date of issuance, with such option of redemption as may be fixed by the commissioners court, or to issue such bonds to mature serially in approximately equal portions every year for not exceeding forty years, and declaring an emergency."

The bill was read second time and was passed to engrossment.

#### COMMITTEE TO INVESTIGATE WOMAN'S HOME.

The Speaker announced the appointment of the following committee to investigate the Confederate Woman's Home:

Mr. Butler, Mr. Miller of Austin,

Mr. Peyton, Mr. Schlosshan and Mr. Thomas.

# RECESS.

On motion of Mr. Fly, the House, at 11 o'clock a. m., took recess to 2 o'clock p. m. today.

# AFTERNOON SESSION.

The House met at 2 o'clock p. m. and was called to order by the Speaker.

# INVITING HON. DWIGHT LLEWELLYN TO ADDRESS THE HOUSE.

Mr. Metcalfe offered the following resolution:

Whereas, The honorable, lovable and brilliant ex-member of this House, the Hon. Dwight Llewellyn, is within the bar of the House; be it

Resolved, That he be invited to address the House.

Signed—Metcalfe, Meador, Sackett.

The resolution was read second time and adopted.

In accordance with the above action, the Speaker announced the appointment of Mr. Metcalfe, Mr. Meador and Mr. Sackett to escort Mr. Llewellyn to the Speaker's stand.

The committee having performed their duty, Mr. Llewellyn, being introduced by the Speaker, addressed the House.

# INVITING HON. THOMAS R. MEARS TO ADDRESS THE HOUSE.

Mr. Dunnam offered the following resolution:

Whereas, The Hon. Thomas R. Mears, a former member of the House of Representatives, is within the bar of the House; and

Whereas, He has rendered distinguished service to the State of Texas; therefore, be it

Resolved, That he be invited to address the House.

Signed—Dunnam, McCord.

The resolution was read second time and was adopted.

In accordance with the above action, the Speaker announced the appointment of Mr. Dunnam and Mr. Holaday to escort Mr. Mears to the Speaker's stand.

The committee having performed their duty, Mr. Mears being introduced by the Speaker, addressed the House.

# BILLS ORDERED NOT PRINTED.

On motion of Mr. Butler, it was ordered that House bill No. 133 be not printed.

On motion of Mr. Thomason of El Paso, it was ordered that Senate bill No. 41 be not printed.

On motion of Mr. Metcalfe, it was ordered that House bill No. 141 be not printed.

# MOTION TO NOT PRINT BILL.

Mr. Fairchild moved that House bill No. 126 be not printed and the motion was lost.

# MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE.

Senate Chamber,  
Austin, Texas, March 14, 1918.

Hon. F. O. Fuller, Speaker of the House of Representatives.

Sir: I am directed by the Senate to inform the House that the Senate has passed:

S. B. No. 29, A bill to be entitled "An Act fixing the salary of the Adjutant General and making an appropriation of \$7200, or so much thereof as may be necessary, out of moneys in the State Treasury for the years ending August 31, 1918, and August 31, 1919; repealing all laws or parts of laws in conflict therewith, and declaring an emergency."

S. B. No. 26, A bill to be entitled "An Act to amend Article 2758, Chapter 12, Title 48, of the Revised Civil Statutes of the State of Texas, 1911, relating to the salaries of county superintendents of public instruction, increasing the salaries of said county superintendents, providing for office expenses, and declaring an emergency."

S. B. No. 58, A bill to be entitled "An Act granting permission to John T. Elliot to bring suit against the State of Texas in the district court of Anderson county, Texas, for damages for personal injuries received by him while on duty as a bridge carpenter in the employ of the Texas State Railroad; providing that such suit may be filed within two years after this act takes effect; and providing that such cause of action shall not be barred until two years after this act takes effect; and providing for the method of serving process and for procedure governing the trial and determination of such suit, and declaring an emergency."

S. B. No. 67, A bill to be entitled "An Act to amend Article 2825, Chap-



ter 4, Title 47, of the Revised Civil Statutes of Texas, 1911, relating to the qualifications of drainage district commissioners; providing for appointment of such commissioners and their qualifications, compensation, terms of office, providing for their election instead of appointment upon petition of voters, and providing the duties of such officers, and declaring an emergency."

H. B. No. 55, A bill to be entitled "An Act creating and incorporating Lamkin Independent School District in Comanche county, Texas, out of the territory now composing common school district No. 65 of said county, providing that the title to the school property be vested in such independent school district and that it assume the debts of said common school district; providing for a board of trustees for said district, defining their powers and duties, defining the boundaries of said district, and declaring an emergency."

S. B. No. 66, A bill to be entitled "An Act to amend Section 14, Chapter 87, Acts of the Thirty-fifth Legislature, Regular Session of 1917, relating to the appointment of a tax assessor and collector of water improvement districts; providing that such tax assessors and collectors may be appointed by the directors or may be elected at an election called for that purpose; providing for the selection, qualification, bond, compensation and duties of tax assessors and collectors of water improvement districts, and declaring an emergency."

H. B. No. 60, A bill to be entitled "An Act creating and incorporating the Highland Independent School District in McLennan county, Texas, etc., and declaring an emergency."

H. B. No. 32, A bill to be entitled "An Act to diminish and re-establish the limits of Talpa Independent School District; repealing all laws so far as they conflict herewith, and declaring an emergency."

H. B. No. 53, A bill to be entitled "An Act creating the Burkeville Independent School District in Newton county, Texas, and declaring an emergency."

H. B. No. 54, A bill to be entitled "An Act creating the Hutton Independent School District in Williamson county, Texas, and declaring an emergency."

S. C. R. No. 8, Holding in abeyance the interest on free school land until August, 1919.

Respectfully,

J. B. BENNETT,

Assistant Secretary of the Senate.

# HOUSE BILL NO. 28 ON SECOND READING.

The Speaker laid before the House as a special order for this hour, on its second reading and passage to engrossment,

H. B. No. 28, A bill to be entitled "An Act to make effective the provisions of Section 59 of Article 16 of the Constitution; providing for the creation of a Conservation Department of the State Government, into which shall be merged the Departments of the State Reclamation Engineer, and of the Board of Water Engineers, and for the appointment of a Conservation Commission to administer this act, and the defining of the powers and duties of the said Commission; providing that all laws now administered by the Departments of the State Reclamation Engineer and the Board of Water Engineers, and particularly of the Chapters 146 of the Acts of the Thirty-fourth Legislature, Chapter 118 of the Acts of the Thirty-second Legislature, and amendments to said Chapter 118 contained in Chapter 36 of Acts of the Thirty-third Legislature, First Called Session, and in Chapter 33, Acts of the Thirty-fourth Legislature and of the provisions of Chapter 87 of the Acts of the Thirty-fifth Legislature, and of Chapter 88 of the Acts of the Thirty-fifth Legislature, shall be cumulative of the provisions of this Act; providing, however, that until February 1, 1919, the provisions of this act for the appointment of the members of such Conservation Commission and the organization of the Conservation Department shall not become effective and that pending such time the provisions of this act which relate to the exercise of powers and duties of like character of those now exercised by the State Reclamation Engineer and the Board of Water Engineers shall be exercised and performed by the two said departments; providing for the organization of reclamation districts, and generally for the manner of government of such districts and the exercise of powers by such districts, and for the performance of the duties imposed upon the administrative bodies of such districts; providing for defining the general outline of conservation districts and for their further designation; providing for the manner of raising revenue and the disbursement thereof necessary to effect the purposes of organization and administration of such reclamation districts; providing the mode in which reclamation districts may be abolished where such districts have not issued bonds or other forms

of obligation; and declaring an emergency."

The bill was read second time.

(Mr. Mendell in the chair.)

Mr. Canales offered the following amendments to the bill:

(1)

Amend House bill No. 28 by striking out all after the enacting clause and inserting in lieu thereof the following:

Section 1. Conservation and reclamation districts may be created and organized in any manner that water improvement districts, drainage districts, or levee improvement districts are now authorized by the laws of this State to be created, and for the several purposes therein provided.

Sec. 2. Any water improvement district, drainage district or levee improvement district heretofore organized or hereafter organized or hereafter to be organized under the laws of this State, as defined districts under Section 52 of Article 3 of the Constitution, may avail itself of the benefits of Section 59 of Article 16 of the Constitution, and thereby become a conservation and reclamation district without change of name.

Sec. 3. Any conservation and reclamation district hereafter organized under this act, and any water improvement district, drainage district or levee improvement district which may be constituted a conservation and reclamation district under this act may incur indebtedness and levy taxes to fully carry out each and all of the purposes of its organization, and for the payment of its obligations and the maintenance and operation of said district.

Sec. 4. All limitations of indebtedness authorized to be incurred and taxes to be levied imposed by Section 52 of Article 3 of the Constitution, and any and all laws under which any such district has been or may be organized, are removed as to all districts which may become conservation and reclamation districts under the terms of this act.

Sec. 5. Any water improvement district, or irrigation district heretofore or hereafter organized under the laws of this State, may become and be made a conservation and reclamation district as herein provided, in the following manner:

When a petition signed by twenty per

cent of the owners of land in such district, praying therefor, is presented to the directors, they shall order an election to be held to determine such issue, such election to be conducted as provided for general elections in such districts. The ballots shall have printed thereon the following: "For conservation and reclamation." The directors shall canvass the returns and declare the result of such election, and have recorded in the deed records of the county or counties in which such district is situated a full copy of the order declaring the result of such election, and when such order is in favor of so making such district a conservation and reclamation district, it shall become such district without change of name or impairment of its obligations, upon the result of such election being declared and recorded as herein provided.

Sec. 6. Any conservation and reclamation district organized for the purpose for which water improvement districts and irrigation districts have heretofore been organized, or any water improvement district or irrigation district becoming a conservation and reclamation district under the terms hereof, shall be governed and controlled by the provisions of Chapter 57, Acts of the Thirty-fifth Legislature, Regular Session, except as herein otherwise provided.

Sec. 7. Any drainage district heretofore organized or hereafter to be organized under the laws of this State, may by a petition in writing to the commissioners court, on hearing before such court as provided for in Sections 2, 3 and 4, Chapter 36, General Laws of 1913, and prior laws and amendments thereof, upon the order of said court to that effect entered of record, become such conservation and reclamation district without change of name or impairment of obligations.

Sec. 8. Any conservation and reclamation district organized for the purpose for which drainage districts have heretofore been organized under Chapter 4, Title 47, of the Revised Civil Statutes of 1911, and amendments thereof, and prior laws relating to the same subject, and any such drainage district becoming a conservation and reclamation district under the terms of this law shall be governed and controlled by the provisions of Chapter 4 of Title 47 of the Revised Civil Statutes of 1911

and amendments thereof, except as herein otherwise provided.

Sec. 9. Any improvement district or levee improvement district heretofore organized or hereafter to be organized under the laws of this State, may, by a petition in writing to the commissioners court, on hearing before such court as provided in Sections 2, 3, 5 and 6, of Chapter 146, Acts of the Thirty-fourth Legislature, upon order of said court to that effect entered of record, become such conservation and reclamation district without change of name or impairment of its obligation.

Sec. 10. Any conservation and reclamation district organized for the purposes for which levee improvement districts have heretofore been organized under Chapter 146, Acts of the Thirty-fourth Legislature, Regular Session, 1915, and prior laws relating to the same subject, or amendments thereof, or any levee improvement district becoming a conservation and reclamation district under the terms of this act, shall be governed and controlled by the provisions of Chapter 146, Acts of the Thirty-fourth Legislature, Regular Session, and amendments thereof, except as herein otherwise provided.

Sec. 11. The fact that there is no law making effective the provisions of Section 59, Article 16, of the Constitution, as applying to conservation and reclamation districts, and that to put said provisions of the Constitution into immediate effect as herein provided will greatly increase the productive area of the State, and is of vital importance to the State and nation, creates an emergency, and an imperative public necessity exists requiring the suspension of the constitutional rule requiring bills to be read on three several days, and it is hereby suspended, and this act shall take effect and be in force from and after its passage, and it is so enacted.

(2)

Amend House bill No. 28 by striking out all above the enacting clause and inserting in lieu thereof the following:

"A bill to be entitled An Act to make effective the provisions of Section 59 of Article 16 of the Constitution providing for the creation of conservation and reclamation districts, and providing that any water improvement district, drainage district, or levee improvement district organized or to be organ-

ized as defined districts under the provisions of any law of this State and Section 52 of Article 3 of the Constitution, may avail itself of the benefits of Section 59 of Article 16 of the Constitution, and providing that any such district may incur indebtedness and levy taxes necessary to carry out the purpose of its organization, removing restrictions and limitations of indebtedness to be incurred by any such district; providing for the management and control of such district, and declaring an emergency."

Signed—Canales, Dudley, Thomason of El Paso, Metcalfe, Tilson, Beasley, Bryan, Harris, Morris.

(Speaker in the chair.)

Mr. Laney raised a point of order, on further consideration of the bill at the time, on the ground that this being Senate bill day, and there being Senate bills on the calendar, such Senate bills have precedence over a special order and should be considered at this time until disposed of.

The Speaker sustained the point of order.

#### SENATE BILL NO. 41 ON SECOND READING.

The Speaker laid before the House, on its second reading and passage to a third reading,

S. B. No. 41, A bill to be entitled "An Act to amend Chapter 93 of the Acts of the Thirty-fifth Legislature approved by the Governor, March 26, 1917, and being 'An Act creating the El Paso County Court at Law, to fix and prescribe the jurisdiction thereof, and to conform to such change in the jurisdiction of the county court of El Paso county, fixing the salaries of the judges of the county court of El Paso county, and of the El Paso County Court at Law, and declaring an emergency.'"

The bill was read second time and was passed to a third reading.

(Mr. Mendell in the chair.)

#### SENATE BILL NO. 41 ON THIRD READING.

Mr. Thomason of El Paso moved to suspend the constitutional rule requiring bills to be read on three several days in each house and that Senate bill No. 41 be placed on its third reading and final passage.

The motion prevailed by the following vote:

## Yeas—109.

Atlee.	Miller of Dallas.
Bass.	Moore.
Beasley.	Morris.
Beason.	Murphy.
Bedell.	Murrell.
Bell.	Neill.
Bennette.	O'Banion.
Bertram.	Osborne.
Blackburn.	Parks.
Blackmon.	Peyton.
Bland.	Poage.
Bledsoe.	Raiden.
Bryan.	Reeves.
Burton of Rusk.	Richards.
Butler.	Robertson.
Cadenhead.	Roemer.
Canales.	Rogers.
Carlock.	Sallas.
Clark.	Schlesinger.
Cope.	Schlosshan.
Crudgington.	Seawright.
Davis of Dallas.	Sholars.
Davis of Grimes.	Smith of Bastrop.
Davis of Harris.	Smith of Hopkins.
Davis of Van Zandt.	Smith of Scurry.
De Bogory.	Spencer.
Dodd.	Spradley.
Dudley.	Sneed.
Dunnam.	Stephens.
Estes.	Stewart.
Fairchild.	Swope.
Fly.	Templeton.
Ford.	Thomas.
Greenwood.	Thomason
Hardey.	of El Paso.
Harris.	Thomason
Henderson.	of Nacogdoches.
Hill.	Thompson
Holaday.	of Hunt.
Hudspeth.	Thompson
Johnson of Blanco.	of Red River.
Johnson of Ellis.	Tillotson.
Laas.	Tilson.
Lacey.	Traylor.
Lackey.	Upchurch.
Laney.	Vaughan.
Lanier.	Veatch.
Lee.	Walker.
Lindemann.	White.
McComb.	Williams
McCord.	of Brazoria.
McFarland.	Williams
McMillin.	of McLennan.
Mathis.	Williford.
Mendell.	Wilson.
Metcalf.	Woods.
Miller of Austin.	Yantis.

## Nays—3.

Cox of Ellis.	Meador.
McDowra.	
	Absent.
Bagby.	Beard.

Brown.	O'Brien.
Cates.	Pope.
Denton.	Sackett.
Haidusek.	Sentell.
Holland.	Strayhorn.
Jones.	Taylor.
Lange.	Terrell.
Lowe.	Tinner.
McCoy.	Valentine.
Monday.	Wahrmund.
Nordhaus.	

## Absent—Excused.

Baker.	King.
Burton of Tarrant.	Pillow.
Cox of Bee.	

The Speaker then laid Senate bill No. 41 before the House on its third reading and final passage.

The bill was read third time.

The Clerk was directed to call the roll, and the bill was passed by the following vote:

## Yeas—100.

Atlee.	Lacey.
Beasley.	Lackey.
Bedell.	Laney.
Bell.	Lanier.
Bennette.	Lee.
Blackburn.	Lindemann.
Blackmon.	McComb.
Bland.	McCord.
Bledsoe.	McDowra.
Bryan.	McMillin.
Burton of Rusk.	Mathis.
Butler.	Meador.
Cadenhead.	Mendell.
Canales.	Metcalf.
Carlock.	Miller of Austin.
Clark.	Miller of Dallas.
Cope.	Moore.
Crudgington.	Morris.
Davis of Dallas.	Murphy.
Davis of Grimes.	Murrell.
Davis of Harris.	Neill.
Davis of Van Zandt.	Nordhaus.
De Bogory.	Osborne.
Dodd.	Parks.
Dudley.	Peyton.
Dunnam.	Poage.
Estes.	Reeves.
Fairchild.	Richards.
Fly.	Robertson.
Ford.	Roemer.
Greenwood.	Rogers.
Hardey.	Sallas.
Harris.	Schlesinger.
Henderson.	Schlosshan.
Holaday.	Seawright.
Holland.	Sholars.
Hudspeth.	Smith of Bastrop.
Johnson of Blanco.	Smith of Hopkins.
Laas.	Smith of Scurry.
	Spencer.



Sneed.	Tilson.
Stephens.	Traylor.
Stewart.	Upchurch.
Swope.	Vaughan.
Templeton.	Veatch.
Thomas.	Walker.
Thomason	Williams
of El Paso.	of Brazoria.
Thomason	Williams
of Nacogdoches.	of McLennan.
Thompson	Wilson.
of Hunt.	Woods.
Tillotson.	Yantis.

Nays—2.

O'Banion. Raiden.  
Present—Not Voting.

Bertram.  
Absent.

Bagby.	O'Brien.
Bass.	Pope.
Beard.	Sackett.
Beason.	Sentell.
Brown.	Spradley.
Cates.	Strayhorn.
Cox of Ellis.	Taylor.
Denton.	Terrell.
Haidusek.	Thompson
Hill.	of Red River.
Johnson of Ellis.	Tinner.
Jones.	Valentine.
Lange.	Wahrmund.
McCoy.	White.
McFarland.	Williford.
Monday.	

Absent—Excused.

Baker. King.  
Burton of Tarrant. Lowe.  
Cox of Bee. Pillow.

Mr. Thomason of El Paso moved to reconsider the vote by which the bill was passed and to table the motion to reconsider.

The motion to table prevailed.

#### MESSAGES FROM THE GOVERNOR.

Mr. S. Raymond Brooks, secretary to the Governor, appeared at the bar of the House and, being duly announced, presented the following messages from the Governor, which were read to the House:

Governor's Office,  
Austin, Texas, March 14, 1918.

To the Thirty-fifth Legislature in Fourth Called Session.

Gentlemen: At the request of the Superintendent and Board of Trustees of the State Juvenile Training School, I submit for your consideration legislation

to provide an additional appropriation to cover a prospective deficiency for the maintenance of that institution during the present current year.

I accompany this message with copy of the request from the Superintendent and the Board of Trustees.

Respectfully submitted,  
W. P. HOBBY,  
Governor of Texas.

Governor's Office,  
Austin, Texas, March 14, 1918.

To the Thirty-fifth Legislature in Fourth Called Session.

Gentlemen: At the request of Messrs. Butler, Lindemann and Dunnann, I submit for your consideration An Act to amend Section 1, Chapter 61 of the Acts passed by the Thirty-third Legislature at its Regular Session, approved March 31, 1913, fixing the time for holding court in the Twenty-seventh Judicial Court of Texas; providing when this Act shall take effect and repealing all laws or parts of laws in conflict herewith.

Respectfully submitted,  
W. P. HOBBY,  
Governor of Texas.

Governor's Office,  
Austin, Texas, March 14, 1918.

To the Thirty-fifth Legislature in Fourth Called Session.

Gentlemen: At the request of Senator W. D. Suiter, I submit for your consideration An Act to amend Article 6552, Title 115, Chapter 10 of the Revised Civil Statutes of 1911, providing that trains shall be regulated and notice shall be given of the time of trains, their places of stopping for freight and passengers; providing further, that no railroad company, manager or receiver shall cease to operate trains on any railroad, and if they have so ceased to operate shall resume operation; providing further, that the Railroad Commission of the State of Texas shall enforce the regulations hereof, and shall report to the Attorney General violations hereof, who shall file suit to enforce the same, and that this act shall be cumulative of all laws in effect on this subject.

Respectfully submitted,  
W. P. HOBBY,  
Governor of Texas.

Governor's Office,  
Austin, Texas, March 14, 1918.

To the Thirty-fifth Legislature in Fourth Called Session.

Gentleman: At the request of Hon. Mack Traylor, I submit for your con-

sideration an act to amend Title 124, Chapter 5, Revised Civil Statutes, 1911, allowing any owner, lessee or person in lawful possession of enclosed lands certain fees for impounding hogs; providing for the manner of disposing of same by amending Article 7224.

Respectfully submitted,  
W. P. HOBBY,  
Governor of Texas.

Governor's Office,

Austin, Texas, March 14, 1918.

To the Thirty-fifth Legislature in Fourth Called Session.

Gentlemen: At the request of Messrs. Caldwell, Smith and Hudspeth, I submit for your consideration an act to repeal Article 7380 of Chapter 2 of Title 126 of the Revised Civil Statutes of the State of Texas of 1911 as enacted in Section 12 of Chapter 18 of the General Laws of the State of Texas, passed at the First Called Session of the Thirtieth Legislature, approved May 16, 1907, providing a tax on the sale of pistols.

Respectfully submitted,  
W. P. HOBBY,  
Governor of Texas.

Governor's Office,

Austin, Texas, March 14, 1918.

To the Thirty-fifth Legislature in Fourth Called Session.

Gentlemen: At the request of Representative W. F. Dunnam and Senator A. C. Buchanan, I submit for your consideration the subject of creating an independent school district in Gatesville, Coryell county, Texas.

Respectfully submitted,  
W. P. HOBBY,  
Governor of Texas.

Governor's Office,

Austin, Texas, March 14, 1918.

To the Thirty-fifth Legislature in Fourth Called Session.

Gentlemen: At the request of Senator Dean, I submit for your consideration an act to amend Article 698 of the Revised Civil Statutes of Texas of 1911, so as to authorize the investment of the sinking funds of counties, cities, towns, school districts or school communities in United States bonds, war-saving certificates, certificates of indebtedness issued by the United States government and in State, city or town bonds.

Respectfully submitted,  
W. P. HOBBY,  
Governor of Texas.

Governor's Office,

Austin, Texas, March 13, 1918.

To the Thirty-fifth Legislature in Fourth Called Session.

Gentlemen: At the request of Hon. Geo. C. O'Brien, I submit for your consideration an act to authorize persons, associations of persons, corporations, and districts to conserve the fresh waters of streams for irrigation against pollution by salt sea tides.

Respectfully submitted,  
W. P. HOBBY,  
Governor of Texas.

Governor's Office,

Austin, Texas, March 14, 1918.

To the Thirty-fifth Legislature in Fourth Called Session.

Gentlemen: At the request of Representative A. L. Beason, I submit for your consideration the subject of providing a more efficient road law for Chambers county.

Respectfully submitted,  
W. P. HOBBY,  
Governor of Texas.

Governor's Office,

Austin, Texas, March 14, 1918.

To the Thirty-fifth Legislature in Fourth Called Session.

Gentlemen: At the request of Representative A. L. Beason, I submit for your consideration the subject of creating an independent school district, to be known as Winnie Independent School District, comprising parts of Chambers and Jefferson counties.

Respectfully submitted,  
W. P. HOBBY,  
Governor of Texas.

#### MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE.

Senate Chamber,

Austin, Texas, March 14, 1918.

Hon. F. O. Fuller, Speaker of the House of Representatives.

Sir: I am directed by the Senate to inform the House that the Senate has passed

S. B. No. 10, A bill to be entitled "An Act authorizing the creation and establishment of water-control and preservation districts for the control and preservation of the purity of the waters of rivers, creeks, bayous, lakes, canals, streams or other waters, for irrigation or in aid thereof, by the prevention of the inflow of salt water or other deleterious substances; the changing of said waters from salt to fresh water and

the impounding of fresh water; empowering such districts to erect, construct, maintain, repair and reconstruct dams, bulkheads, jetties, locks, gates or any other character of improvements necessary to the accomplishment of said purposes, or any of them; creating boards of water control and preservation where the lands embraced in such districts lie in two or more counties, or parts of counties, and defining the powers of such boards of water control and preservation; providing for the method of establishment of such districts; authorizing the ordering and holding of elections for the purpose of voting on the establishment of such districts, and the issuance of bonds and levy of tax in payment for such improvements and the levying and collecting of taxes for payment of such bonds, and interest thereon; authorizing the appointment of directors of such water control and preservation districts, and defining their duties and powers; granting the right of eminent domain to such water control and preservation districts, authorizing the directors of such districts to acquire by purchase, gift or grant, for such district, title to any right of way and other property necessary for the purposes of such districts; granting a right of way over all public lands in the State necessary to effectuate the purposes of such districts; authorizing the conveyance of any property acquired to the United States for certain purposes; authorizing the directors to employ an engineer, manager and other employes, to employ counsel, to enter into contract for such improvements; to agree or co-operate with the government of the United States, the proper department or officer thereof, for the carrying out of such improvements of the supervision of same, and for all things necessary for the maintenance of such districts according to the provisions of this act; providing for entering upon lands for surveys and for all purposes of this act, and providing for penalties for preventing or prohibiting such entry upon lands; providing for the selection of depositories; authorize the directors to issue bonds in amount sufficient to cover the cost of the proposed improvements, the expenses incident thereto and expenses necessarily incurred in connection with the creation and establishment of such districts, the amount of said bonds not to exceed the amount authorized by the election; requiring the directors to levy a tax upon

all taxable property within the district to pay the interest on such bonds, together with an additional amount to be placed in a sinking fund sufficient to pay the bonds at maturity; to levy and cause to be assessed taxes sufficient in amount to pay for the expense of assessing and collecting such taxes, for the expenses incident to the maintenance of the district and for the maintenance, operation and repair of such improvements; requiring the commissioners court of the county or counties within which the district is situated to order the county tax assessor to assess all property within such district, lying within the county, and list the same for taxation; providing the method of assessment and a penalty for the failure of any tax assessor to comply with the order of the commissioners court to so assess; providing the remedy by mandamus in the event any commissioners court should fail or refuse to order the county tax assessor to assess said property; requiring the tax collector of the county in which such district is situated to collect the taxes for said district within his county; providing for the commissioners court to require an additional bond or security from such tax collectors; providing for the method of collecting the taxes, the bringing of suits for collection of delinquent taxes and the enforcement of tax liens created by this act; providing penalties for failure or refusal of tax collectors to give additional bond or security or to collect the taxes; providing when taxes shall mature and be paid and penalties for failure to pay same within the required time; providing for reports by district depositories and by board of directors; providing for the filing of suits to establish the validity of such districts and of the bonds; fixing the venue and procedure in such actions and the effect of such judgments; providing for the registration of the bonds of such districts by the Comptroller of the State; providing for the sale of such bonds; prohibiting suit brought in any court of the State contesting or enjoining the validity of the formation of any district or the bonds except in the name of the State of Texas by the Attorney General upon his own motion or upon the motion of any party affected thereby; providing the method of paying out funds of said district; providing for two or more districts undertaking joint projects; providing generally a complete system for

the establishment of such districts and the government of same; authorizing the directors to invest the sinking fund, and declaring such districts defined districts within the meaning of the Constitution, repealing all laws or parts of laws in conflict herewith, and declaring an emergency."

Respectfully,

J. B. BENNETT.

Assistant Secretary of the Senate.

#### SENATE BILLS ON FIRST READING.

The following Senate bills were laid before the House, read severally the first time and referred to the appropriate committees, as follows:

S. B. No. 58, to Committee on State Affairs.

S. B. No. 67, to Committee on Irrigation.

S. B. No. 66, to Committee on Irrigation.

S. B. No. 26, to Committee on Education.

S. B. No. 29, to Committee on Appropriations.

#### FOR RELIEF OF DROUTH SUFFERERS.

The Speaker laid before the House, for consideration at this time, the following resolution:

S. C. R. No. 8, For Relief of Drouth Sufferers.

Whereas, The drouth in the school land area of the State is so severe that the resources of the citizens are necessary for the feeding of stock and personal existence, and

Whereas, The interest due on the school land accounts is well secured by a lien on the land; therefore, be it

Resolved by the Senate of the State of Texas, the House concurring, That the forfeiture by the Commissioner of the General Land Office of public free school land for failure to pay the interest due on purchases for the years 1916, 1917 and 1918, be held in abeyance until August, 1919.

The resolution was read second time and was adopted.

#### MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE.

Senate Chamber,

Austin, Texas, March 14, 1918.

Hon. F. O. Fuller, Speaker of the House of Representatives.

Sir: I am directed by the Senate to

inform the House that the Senate has passed

S. B. No. 54, A bill to be entitled "An Act to amend Sections 12 and 16 of the Special Road Law for Smith county, Texas, passed at the Regular Session of the Thirty-third Legislature and known as Chapter 70 of the Special Laws of said Thirty-third Legislature; and also to amend Section 3 of Chapter 8 of the Special Road Law of Smith county, Texas, passed at the Regular Session of the Thirty-fourth Legislature and approved February 16, 1915, prescribing the number of petitioners for election in said county, or political subdivision thereof, for road bonds, prescribing the purposes of said bonds and further prescribing the condition upon which every able-bodied male convict shall be required to labor upon public roads, and further prescribing the duty of commissioners and other county officials, providing penalties for failure to perform such duty, and further providing the time of maturity, rate of interest and conditions of validating elections heretofore held; rate of interest and conditions of the sale of said bonds, validating elections heretofore held, and declaring an emergency."

Respectfully,

J. B. BENNETT,

Assistant Secretary of the Senate.

#### HOUSE BILL NO. 28 ON ENGROSSMENT.

The House resumed consideration of unfinished business, same being House bill No. 28, providing for the creation of a conservation department, on its passage to engrossment, with amendments by Mr. Canales pending.

Mr. Upchurch moved the previous question on the pending amendments and the main question was ordered.

(Mr. Thomason of El Paso in the chair.)

Question first recurring on the pending amendments by Mr. Canales, they were severally adopted.

Mr. Canales moved to reconsider the vote by which the amendments were adopted and to table the motion to reconsider.

The motion to table prevailed.

Question then recurring on engrossment of the bill, yeas and nays were demanded.

House bill No. 28 was passed to engrossment by the following vote:



## Yeas—100.

Atlee.	Meador.
Bass.	Mendell.
Beasley.	Metcalfe.
Bedell.	Miller of Dallas.
Bell.	Moore.
Bennette.	Morris.
Bertram.	Murphy.
Blackburn.	Murrell.
Blackmon.	Neill.
Bryan.	Nordhaus.
Burton of Rusk.	O'Banion.
Butler.	O'Brien.
Cadenhead.	Osborne.
Canales.	Parks.
Carlock.	Peyton.
Clark.	Poage.
Cope.	Raiden.
Cox of Ellis.	Reeves.
Crudgington.	Richards.
Davis of Dallas.	Robertson.
Davis of Grimes.	Rogers.
Davis of Harris.	Sentell.
Davis	Schlesinger.
of Van Zandt.	Seawright.
De Bogory.	Sholars.
Dodd.	Smith of Bastrop.
Dudley.	Smith of Hopkins.
Dunnam.	Smith of Scurry.
Estes.	Spencer.
Fairchild.	Spradley.
Fly.	Sneed.
Ford.	Stephens.
Greenwood.	Stewart.
Hardey.	Templeton.
Harris.	Thomas.
Henderson.	Thomason
Hill.	of El Paso.
Holaday.	Thomason
Holland.	of Nacogdoches.
Hudspeth.	Thompson
Johnson of Blanco.	of Hunt.
Johnson of Ellis.	Thompson
Jones.	of Red River.
Lacey.	Tinner.
Lackey.	Traylor.
Laney.	Upchurch.
Lange.	Vaughan.
Lanier.	Walker.
Lee.	White.
Lindemann.	Williford.
McComb.	Woods.
McCoy.	Yantis.
McMillin.	

## Nays—7.

Bland.	Miller of Austin.
Laas.	Sackett.
McCord.	Wilson.
McDowra.	

## Present—Not Voting.

Beard.	Tilson.
Beason.	Williams
Roemer.	of Brazoria.
Schlosshan.	Williams
Tillotson.	of McLennan.

## Absent.

Bagby.	Monday.
Baker.	Pope.
Bledsoe.	Sallas.
Brown.	Strayhorn.
Burton of Tarrant.	Swope.
Cates.	Taylor.
Denton.	Terrell.
Haidusek.	Valentine.
McFarland.	Veatch.
Mathis.	Wahrmond.

## Absent—Excused.

Cox of Bee.	Lowe.
King.	Pillow.

Mr. Canales moved to reconsider the vote by which the bill was passed to engrossment and to table the motion to reconsider.

The motion to table prevailed.

## HOUSE BILL NO. 28 ON THIRD READING.

Mr. Laney moved to suspend the constitutional rule requiring bills to be read on three several days in each house and that House bill No. 28 be placed on its third reading and final passage.

The motion prevailed by the following vote:

## Yeas—106.

Atlee.	Ford.
Bass.	Greenwood.
Beard.	Hardey.
Beasley.	Harris.
Bedell.	Henderson.
Bell.	Hill.
Bennette.	Holaday.
Bertram.	Holland.
Blackburn.	Hudspeth.
Blackmon.	Johnson of Blanco.
Bland.	Johnson of Ellis.
Bryan.	Lacey.
Burton of Rusk.	Lackey.
Butler.	Laney.
Cadenhead.	Lange.
Canales.	Lanier.
Carlock.	Lee.
Clark.	Lindemann.
Cope.	McComb.
Crudgington.	McCoy.
Davis of Dallas.	McDowra.
Davis of Grimes.	McMillin.
Davis of Harris.	Meador.
De Bogory.	Metcalfe.
Denton.	Miller of Austin.
Dodd.	Miller of Dallas.
Dudley.	Moore.
Dunnam.	Morris.
Estes.	Murphy.
Fairchild.	Murrell.
Fly.	Neill.

Nordhaus.	Templeton.
O'Banion.	Thomas.
O'Brien.	Thomason
Osborne.	of El Paso.
Parks.	Thomason
Peyton.	of Nacogdoches
Poage.	Thompson
Raiden.	of Hunt.
Reeves.	Thompson
Richards.	of Red River.
Robertson.	Tilson.
Rogers.	Tinner.
Sackett.	Traylor.
Sentell.	Upchurch.
Schlesinger.	Vaughan.
Seawright.	Veatch.
Sholars.	Walker.
Smith of Bastrop.	Williams
Smith of Hopkins.	of Brazoria.
Smith of Scurry.	Williams
Spencer.	of McLennan.
Spradley.	Williford.
Sneed.	Wilson.
Stephens.	Woods.
Stewart.	Yantis.

## Nays—3.

Laas.	Schlosshan.
McCord.	

## Present—Not Voting.

Beason.	Tillotson.
Roemer.	

## Absent.

Bagby.	Mendell.
Bledsoe.	Monday.
Brown.	Pope.
Cates.	Sallas.
Cox of Ellis.	Strayhorn.
Davis	Swope.
of Van Zandt.	Taylor.
Haidusek.	Terrell.
Jones.	Valentine.
McFarland.	Wahrmund.
Mathis.	White.

## Absent—Excused.

Baker.	King.
Burton of Tarrant.	Lowe.
Cox of Bee.	Pillow.

The Speaker then laid House bill No. 28 before the House, on its third reading and final passage.

The bill was read third time and was passed.

Mr. Canales moved to reconsider the vote by which the bill was passed and to table the motion to reconsider.

The motion to table prevailed.

## SENATE BILLS ON FIRST READING.

The following Senate bills were laid before the House, read severally first

time, and referred to appropriate committees, as follows:

S. B. No. 54, to Committee on Roads, Bridges and Ferries.

S. B. No. 10, to Committee on Irrigation.

## HOUSE BILL NO. 133 ON SECOND READING.

The Speaker laid before the House, on its second reading and passage to engrossment,

H. B. No. 133, A bill to be entitled "An Act to authorize the commissioners court of Bell county to fund an issue of road warrants with an issue of road improvement bonds and thereby relieve the road and bridge fund of the warrant debt, and declaring an emergency."

The bill was read second time.

On motion of Mr. Butler, the bill was laid on the table subject to call.

## HOUSE BILLS ON FIRST READING.

The following House bills, introduced today, were laid before the House, read severally first time and referred to the appropriate committees, as follows:

By Mr. Cope and Mr. Sackett:

H. B. No. 138, A bill to be entitled "An Act providing that those engaged in any business within this State, upon which the laws require the payment of a tax on gross receipts, must obtain a permit to transact such business from the Secretary of State; providing for the issuance of such permit by the Secretary of State what the same shall contain, and that the same shall be posted in the office of the person or concern to whom issued; providing for an application to be made for such permits, and what such application shall show; the length of time such permits are to run and when those now engaged in business must obtain permits; providing for the suspension of such permits by the Secretary of State on a certificate from the Comptroller showing the holder has failed to pay his gross receipts taxes; stating the conditions, manner and method of suspending such permits and the publication of notices with reference thereto; providing penalties for the transaction of business regulated in this act without having obtained a permit, or transacting business after such permit has been suspended and the method of collecting such penalties; authorizing suit by the Attorney General to collect such penalties, and defining the jurisdiction and

venue of such suits; creating offenses for violations of this act and fixing the punishment therefor; prescribing certain duties and conferring certain authority on the Comptroller, Secretary of State and the Attorney General with reference to administering and enforcing this act; making this act cumulative of all other laws on the subject, and declaring an emergency."

Referred to Committee on State Affairs.

By Mr. Canales et al.:

H. B. No. 139, A bill to be entitled "An Act to make effective the provisions of Section 59 of Article 16 of the Constitution, providing for the creation of conservation and reclamation districts and providing that any water improvement districts, drainage district, or levee improvement district organized or to be organized as defined districts under the provisions of any law of this State and Section 52 of Article 3 of the Constitution, may avail itself of the benefits of Section 59 of Article 16 of the Constitution; and providing that any such district may incur indebtedness and levy taxes necessary to carry out the purpose of its organization; removing restrictions and limitations of indebtedness to be incurred by any such district; providing for the management and control of such district, and declaring an emergency."

Referred to Committee on Irrigation.

By Mr. Mendell and Mr. Poage:

H. B. No. 140, A bill to be entitled "An Act requiring the heads of the departments located in the Capitol and the State Land Office building in the city of Austin to file with the Superintendent of Public Buildings and Grounds a complete inventory of all furniture, fixtures, machinery, machines, typewriters and other office utilities, except books and stationery; fixing the time when such inventories must be filed; making the heads of the departments responsible for the property not accounted for and lost by reason of carelessness and negligence of the officer; making it the duty of the Superintendent of Public Buildings and Grounds to check up such inventories and make demand for the restoration or payment of all property not lawfully accounted for; declaring that departmental heads shall neither purchase nor sell any of the personal property enumerated in this act, but when no longer of use shall be delivered to the Superintendent of

Public Buildings and Grounds for disposition; making it the duty of the Superintendent of Public Buildings and Grounds to furnish the various departments with all furniture, fixtures, office necessities and utilities heretofore named, except stationery and books; regulating the manner of purchases for such purpose, but declaring that all purchases made prior to August 31, 1919, shall be made as now provided in appropriation bills, and declaring an emergency."

Referred to Committee on Public Buildings and Grounds.

By Mr. Bass and Mr. Metcalfe:

H. B. No. 141, A bill to be entitled "An Act to further regulate the conducting of fish hatcheries and the propagation of fish in this State by amending Article 4000 of the Revised Civil Statutes of this State, 1911, as amended by Chapter 146 of the Acts of the Thirty-third Legislature, providing for the distribution by the State fish hatcheries of fish to private persons, providing that the Game, Fish and Oyster Commissioner of the State of Texas, as well as the United States Commissions of Fisheries, or their duly authorized agents, may take or catch brood fish from the public fresh waters of this State for the purpose of propagation, etc.; providing a penalty for violation of this statute, and declaring an emergency."

Referred to Committee on Game and Fisheries.

By Mr. Swope et al.:

H. B. No. 142, A bill to be entitled "An Act giving to the owner of any real estate or interest therein sold under execution, order of sale, deed of trust, mortgage or other contract lien the right to redeem the same at any time in one year from the date of sale, by paying to the purchaser the amount of the purchase money paid, together with interest thereon; provided, that property redeemed under the act shall not again be subject to levy or sale for the debt for which it was sold; providing that from the period of redemption allowed by this act shall be deducted a period equal to any extension of the debt; providing that the right of redemption shall not be waived; providing that the act shall have no application when the real estate is sold after the final maturity of the debt, or when the debt represents purchase

money and less than one-half of the principal of the debt has been paid, or when the debt bears interest at the rate of six per cent or less; providing that the right of redemption shall for all purposes be treated and recorded as real estate, and declaring an emergency."

Referred to Committee on Civil Procedure.

By Mr. Carlock, Mr. Miller of Dallas Mr. Crudginton, Mr. Bledsoe and Mr. Williams of McLennan:

H. B. No. 143, A bill to be entitled "An Act to provide for the nomination of the judges of the Supreme Court, the Court of Civil Appeals, the Court of Criminal Appeals of this State by the different political parties in this State by conventions in place of primaries; to provide the necessary party machinery for the carrying into effect of this act; to retain in force all the present provisions of the primary election laws not repealed hereby or inconsistent herewith; to repeal all laws in necessary conflict herewith, and declaring an emergency."

Referred to Committee on Privileges, Suffrage and Elections.

By Mr. Roemer:

H. B. No. 144, A bill to be entitled "An Act creating an independent school district in Goliad county, etc., and declaring an emergency."

Referred to Committee on Education.

By Mr. Greenwood, Mr. Holaday and Mr. Fairchild:

H. B. No. 145, A bill to be entitled "An Act fixing the salaries of judges of the Supreme Court, and the Court of Criminal Appeals and the judges of the Courts of Civil Appeals, and of the district courts of this State, and declaring an emergency."

Referred to Judiciary Committee.

By Mr. Traylor:

H. B. No. 146, A bill to be entitled "An Act to amend Title 124, Chapter 5, Revised Civil Statutes, 1911, allowing any owner, lessee, or person in lawful possession of enclosed lands certain fees for impounding hogs; providing for the manner of disposing of same by amending Article 7224 so as to read as hereinafter set forth."

Referred to Committee on Reforms in Civil Procedure.

By Mr. Beason:

H. B. No. 147, A bill to be entitled "An Act creating and establishing the Winnie Independent School District in the counties of Chambers and Jefferson, State of Texas, etc., and declaring an emergency."

Referred to Committee on Education.

By Mr. Beason:

H. B. No. 148, A bill to be entitled "An Act creating a more efficient road system for Chambers county, etc., and declaring an emergency."

Referred to Committee on Roads, Bridges and Ferries.

By Mr. O'Brien:

H. B. No. 149, A bill to be entitled "An Act to authorize persons, associations of persons, corporations and districts to conserve the fresh waters of streams for irrigation against pollution by salt sea tides."

Referred to Committee on Irrigation.

By Mr. Fairchild, Mr. Holaday, Mr. Bennette and Mr. Richards:

H. B. No. 150, A bill to be entitled "An Act to amend Articles 7059 and 7059a of the Revised Civil Statutes of the State of Texas, 1911; fixing the salaries of the judges of the district courts of this State and the judges of the criminal district courts of this State; paying the actual and necessary expenses of said district judges and all district attorneys of the State of Texas while engaged in the discharge of such duties and providing that there shall never be paid to any such judge or district attorney more than the sum of \$200 in any one year, under the provisions of this act; repealing all laws in conflict herewith, and declaring an emergency."

Referred to Judiciary Committee.

By Mr. Butler, Mr. Lindemann, Mr. Dunnam and Mr. White:

H. B. No. 151, A bill to be entitled "An Act to amend Section 1, Chapter 61, of the Acts passed by the Thirty-third Legislature at its Regular Session, approved March 31, 1913, fixing the time for holding court in the Twenty-seventh Judicial District of Texas; providing when this act shall take effect, and repealing all laws or parts of laws in conflict herewith, and declaring an emergency."

Referred to Committee on Judicial Districts.



## ADJOURNMENT.

On motion of Mr. Roemer the House, at 5 o'clock p. m., adjourned until 9:30 o'clock a. m. tomorrow.

## APPENDIX.

## REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON BANKS AND BANKING.

Committee Room,  
Austin, Texas, March 13, 1918.

Hon. F. O. Fuller, Speaker of the House of Representatives.

Sir: Your Committee on Banks and Banking, to whom was referred Senate bill No. 1, have had the same under consideration and I am instructed to report it back to the House with the recommendation that it do pass, with committee amendments. Mr. Thomas has been appointed to make a full report thereon. Mr. Sentell gave notice of minority report.

FAIRCHILD, Chairman.

## REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON REFORMS IN CIVIL PROCEDURE.

Committee Room,  
Austin, Texas, March 13, 1918.

Hon. F. O. Fuller, Speaker of the House of Representatives.

Sir: Your Committee on Reforms in Civil Procedure, to whom was referred House bill No. 142, have had the same under consideration and I am instructed to report it back to the House with the recommendation that it do pass. Mr. Williford has been appointed to make a full report thereon.

CARLOCK, Chairman.

## REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC HEALTH.

Committee Room,  
Austin, Texas, March 13, 1918.

Hon. F. O. Fuller, Speaker of the House of Representatives.

Sir: Your Committee on Public Health, to whom was referred House bill No. 127, have had the same under consideration and I am instructed to report it back to the House with the recommendation that it do pass, with committee amendments. Mr. McComb has been appointed to make a full report thereon.

DAVIS of Grimes, Chairman.

## REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON JUDICIAL DISTRICTS.

Committee Room,  
Austin, Texas, March 14, 1918.

Hon. F. O. Fuller, Speaker of the House of Representatives.

Sir: Your Committee on Judicial Districts, to whom was referred Senate bill No. 41, have had the same under consideration and I am instructed to report it back to the House with the recommendation that it do pass.

TEMPLETON, Chairman.

## REPORTS OF COMMITTEE ON COMMON CARRIERS.

Committee Room,  
Austin, Texas, March 13, 1918.

Hon. F. O. Fuller, Speaker of the House of Representatives.

Sir: Your Committee on Common Carriers, to whom was referred House bill No. 62, have had the same under consideration and I am instructed to report it back to the House with the recommendation that it do pass, with committee amendments. Mr. Dudley has been appointed to make a full report thereon.

YANTIS, Vice-Chairman.

Committee Room,  
Austin, Texas, March 14, 1918.

Hon. F. O. Fuller, Speaker of the House of Representatives.

Sir: Your Committee on Common Carriers, to whom was referred House bill No. 102, have had the same under consideration and I am instructed to report it back to the House with the recommendation that it do not pass. Mr. Richards gave notice of a minority report.

WILLIAMS of Brazoria, Chairman.

## REPORTS OF COMMITTEE ON ROADS, BRIDGES AND FERRIES.

Committee Room,  
Austin, Texas, March 13, 1918.

Hon. F. O. Fuller, Speaker of the House of Representatives.

Sir: Your Committee on Roads, Bridges and Ferries, to whom was referred House bill No. 121, have had the same under consideration and I am instructed to report it back to the House with the recommendation that it do pass.

Mr. O'Brien and Mr. Poage have been appointed to make a full report thereon.

BLAND, Chairman.

Committee Room,  
Austin, Texas, March 13, 1918.

Hon. F. O. Fuller, Speaker of the House of Representatives.

Sir: Your Committee on Roads, Bridges and Ferries, to whom was referred House bill No. 108, have had the same under consideration and I am instructed to report it back to the House with the recommendation that it do pass. Mr. Wilson has been appointed to make a full report thereon.

BLAND, Chairman.

Committee Room,  
Austin, Texas, March 14, 1918.

Hon. F. O. Fuller, Speaker of the House of Representatives.

Sir: Your Committee on Roads, Bridges and Ferries, to whom was referred House bill No. 133, have had the same under consideration and I am instructed to report it back to the House with the recommendation that it do pass. Mr. Thomason of Nacogdoches has been appointed to make a full report thereon.

BLAND, Chairman.

#### REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON STOCK AND STOCK RAISING.

Committee Room,  
Austin, Texas, March 14, 1918.

Hon. F. O. Fuller, Speaker of the House of Representatives.

Sir: Your Committee on Stock and Stock Raising, to whom was referred House bill No. 51, have had same under consideration and I am instructed to report it back to the House with the recommendation that it do not pass.

McFARLAND, Chairman.

#### REPORTS OF COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC LANDS AND LAND OFFICE.

Committee Room,  
Austin, Texas, March 13, 1918.

Hon. F. O. Fuller, Speaker of the House of Representatives.

Sir: Your Committee on Public Lands and Land Office, to whom was referred House bill No. 84, have had same under consideration and I am instructed to report it back to the House with the recommendation that it do pass, with committee amendments. Mr. Fly has

been appointed to make a full report thereon.

HARRIS, Acting Chairman.

Committee Room,  
Austin, Texas, March 13, 1918.

Hon. F. O. Fuller, Speaker of the House of Representatives.

Sir: Your Committee on Public Lands and Land Office, to whom was referred House bill No. 83, have had same under consideration and I am instructed to report it back to the House with the recommendation that it do pass. Mr. Burton of Rusk has been appointed to make a full report thereon.

HARRIS, Acting Chairman.

Committee Room,  
Austin, Texas, March 13, 1918.

Hon. F. O. Fuller, Speaker of the House of Representatives.

Sir: Your Committee on Public Lands and Land Office, to whom was referred House bill No. 119, have had same under consideration and I am instructed to report it back to the House with the recommendation that it do pass. Mr. Hardey has been appointed to make a full report thereon.

HARRIS, Acting Chairman.

#### REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON REVENUE AND TAXATION.

Committee Room,  
Austin, Texas, March 14, 1918.

Hon. F. O. Fuller, Speaker of the House of Representatives.

Sir: Your Committee on Revenue and Taxation, to whom was referred House bill No. 129, have had same under consideration and I am instructed to report it back to the House with the recommendation that it do not pass.

NEILL, Chairman.

#### REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON GAME AND FISHERIES.

Committee Room,  
Austin, Texas, March 14, 1918.

Hon. F. O. Fuller, Speaker of the House of Representatives.

Sir: Your Committee on Game and Fisheries, to whom was referred House bill No. 141, have had same under consideration and I am instructed to report it back to the House with the recommendation that it do pass.

ROEMER, Chairman.

## REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON MUNICIPAL CORPORATIONS.

Committee Room,  
Austin, Texas, March 14, 1918.

Hon. F. O. Fuller, Speaker of the House of Representatives.

Sir: Your Committee on Municipal Corporations, to whom was referred House bill No. 61, have had same under consideration and I am instructed to report it back to the House with the recommendation that it do pass with committee amendment. Mr. Upchurch has been appointed to make a full report thereon.

MENDELL, Chairman.

## REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON IRRIGATION.

Committee Room,  
Austin, Texas, March 14, 1918.

Hon. F. O. Fuller, Speaker of the House of Representatives.

Sir: Your Committee on Irrigation, to whom was referred House bill No. 139, have had same under consideration and I am instructed to report it back to the House with the recommendation that it do pass. Mr. Morris has been appointed to make a full report thereon.

CANALES, Chairman.

## REPORTS OF COMMITTEE ON ENGROSSED BILLS.

Committee Room,  
Austin, Texas, March 14, 1918.

Hon. F. O. Fuller, Speaker of the House of Representatives.

Sir: Your Committee on Engrossed Bills have carefully examined and compared

H. B. No. 121, A bill to be entitled "An Act to amend Sections 12 and 16 of the Special Road Law for Smith county, Texas, etc., and declaring an emergency."

H. B. No. 108, A bill to be entitled "An Act to amend Section 9 of Chapter 17, Secial Laws, passed at the First Called Session of the Thirty-third Legislature, entitled 'San Patricio County Road System—Creating,' authorizing said county or any political subdivision or defined district thereof to issue bonds not exceeding forty years from the date of issuance, with such options of redemption as may be fixed by the commissioners court, or to issue such bonds to mature serially in approximately equal por-

tions every year for not exceeding forty years, and declaring an emergency,"

And find the same correctly engrossed.  
BEDELL, Acting Chairman.

Committee Room,  
Austin, Texas, March 14, 1918.

Hon. F. O. Fuller, Speaker of the House of Representatives.

Sir: Your Committee on Engrossed Bills have carefully examined and compared

H. B. No. 25, A bill to be entitled "An Act making it a misdemeanor for any one in local option counties having in his or her possession any intoxicating liquor, or anything that will produce intoxication, or procuring anything of intoxication for any person without divulging the name of the seller if called upon by any one authorized by law, and providing a penalty for the failure thereof."

H. B. No. 118, A bill to be entitled "An Act creating the Mauriceville Independent School District in Orange county, Texas, etc."

H. B. No. 56, A bill to be entitled "An Act to establish and create a criminal district court for Bowie county; to provide for the jurisdiction of and procedure in said court; to fix the time for holding the term of said court; to provide for the appointment, election, qualification, duties, powers and compensation of a judge of said court; depriving and divesting the district court of Bowie county of jurisdiction of all criminal cases; providing from and after the taking effect of this act for the transfer of all criminal cases from the district court of the Fifth Judicial District of Texas held in Bowie county, and from the county court of Bowie county to the criminal district court of Bowie county created by this act, etc., and declaring an emergency."

And find the same correctly engrossed.  
BEDELL, Acting Chairman.

## REPORTS OF COMMITTEE ON ENROLLED BILLS.

Committee Room,  
Austin, Texas, March 14, 1918.

Hon. F. O. Fuller, Speaker of the House of Representatives.

Sir: Your Committee on Enrolled Bills, to whom was referred

H. B. No. 30, "An Act to amend Article 7235, Chapter 6, Title 124, Revised Civil Statutes of Texas, 1911, as

amended by Chapter 72, General Laws of the Thirty-third Legislature, and Chapters 26 and 99, General Laws of the Thirty-fourth Legislature, and Chapter 131, General Laws of the Thirty-fifth Legislature, with reference to the mode of preventing horses and certain other animals from running at large in the counties named so as to include Armstrong and Dickens counties, and declaring an emergency,"

Have carefully compared same, and find it correctly enrolled, and have this day, at 11:30 o'clock a. m., presented same to the Governor for his approval.

BEDELL, Chairman.

Committee Room,  
Austin, Texas, March 14, 1918.

Hon. F. O. Fuller, Speaker of the House of Representatives.

Sir: Your Committee on Enrolled Bills, to whom was referred

H. B. No. 48, "An Act to authorize the commissioners courts of the various counties of this State to pay for the services of interpreters employed by the various courts in this State, and providing for the collection in civil suits of the sum of three dollars (\$3.00) as costs of interpreter in every civil suit where an interpreter is used, and declaring an emergency,"

Have carefully compared same, and find it correctly enrolled, and have this day, at 11:30 o'clock a. m., presented same to the Governor for his approval.

BEDELL, Chairman.

Committee Room,  
Austin, Texas, March 14, 1918.

Hon. F. O. Fuller, Speaker of the House of Representatives.

Sir: Your Committee on Enrolled Bills, to whom was referred

H. B. No. 41, "An Act to provide for the teaching of lessons in patriotism in the public schools of this State, for the proper display of the United States flag in connection with every public school of the State, and directing the State Superintendent of Public Instruction, county and city superintendents in the discharge of their duty relative thereto, and declaring an emergency,"

Have carefully compared same, and find it correctly enrolled, and have this day, at 11:30 o'clock a. m., presented same to the Governor for his approval.

BEDELL, Chairman.

Committee Room,  
Austin, Texas, March 11, 1918.

Hon. F. O. Fuller, Speaker of the House of Representatives.

Sir: Your Committee on Enrolled Bills, to whom was referred

H. C. R. No. 5, Relating to meeting of National and State Councils of Defense at Dallas, March 12, 1918,

Have carefully compared same, and find it correctly enrolled, and have this day, at 10:21 o'clock a. m., presented same to the Governor for his approval.

BEDELL, Chairman.

Committee Room,  
Austin, Texas, March 13, 1918.

Hon. F. O. Fuller, Speaker of the House of Representatives.

Sir: Your Committee on Enrolled Bills, to whom was referred

H. B. No. 57, "An Act to authorize and empower the commissioners court of Anderson county, Texas, to cancel and revoke all previous orders of said court authorizing the issuance of road bonds under the provisions of Chapter 2, Title 18, of the Revised Civil Statutes of Texas, and under all acts amendatory thereof, and to annul the bond election at which such bonds were voted, where such bonds or the transcripts thereof have been disapproved by the Attorney General or where such bonds can not be legally issued and offered for sale, and declaring an emergency,"

Have carefully compared same, and find it correctly enrolled, and have this day, at 10:21 o'clock a. m., presented same to the Governor for his approval.

BEDELL, Chairman.

Committee Room,  
Austin, Texas, March 13, 1918.

Hon. F. O. Fuller, Speaker of the House of Representatives.

Sir: Your Committee on Enrolled Bills, to whom was referred

H. B. No. 40, "An Act adding to and making a part of the Port Lavaca Independent School District in Calhoun county, Texas, including the town of Port Lavaca, certain lands and territory adjoining thereto, and declaring an emergency,"

Have carefully compared same, and find it correctly enrolled, and have this day, at 10:21 o'clock a. m., presented same to the Governor for his approval.

BEDELL, Chairman.



**In Memory**  
**of**  
**Hon. R. F. Gross.**

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Mr. McMillin offered the following resolution:

Whereas, Hon. R. F. Gross, a former honored member of the House of Representatives from Grayson county, was on January 2, 1918, called to his reward; and

Whereas, The State has lost an honored citizen and faithful public servant, his wife and four children who survive him a loving and devoted husband and father whose memory we revere and whose loss we deplore; therefore, be it

Resolved, That the House of Representatives extend its sympathy and expression of sorrow to the family of our former honored and esteemed fellow member; that a page of the Journal of the House be dedicated to his memory, and that when the House adjourns today it do so out of respect to his memory.

The resolution was read second time.

Mr. McMillin moved to adopt the resolution by a rising vote.

The motion prevailed and the resolution was adopted unanimously.